

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the independent claims to more clearly point out the invention and the relationship with the wall mounted device. These changes are a result of a telephone interview with the Examiner that occurred on November 2, 2005. Applicant is thankful for the time and courtesies extended his representative during that interview. Clearly, the product disclosed and claimed herein is directed to protecting a wall mounted device and therefore such device is spelled out more clearly in the currently amended claims. The structure of applicant's invention is located adjacent the protected device and necessarily spaced a distance from the device to allow the device to be easily accessed for use in all situations. Such an adaptation distinguishes from prior art devices that protected wall mounted devices but also obstructed them and delayed and/or prevented operation without use of two hands or two steps to actuate the device. One step was required to disengage the lock or cover and a second step required to operate the device. By mounting the device and its components adjacent to a switch, the switch may be operated without an additional effort required by prior art devices. This feature is critical in emergency conditions or when required to be operated by persons suffering from a physical disability such as arthritis or the like.

Applicant has clarified language in claim 7 that presented some confusion with using terms "cam" and "deflecting" by substituting the term "guide" for cam. Each figure in the drawings has either a curved or inclined surface to act as a deflector in a guide-like fashion.

Applicant wishes to rely on his arguments stated in Amendment A with respect to the prior art and incorporates such arguments herein.

Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of the newly amended claims. Should the

Examiner have any questions or suggestions he may feel free to call applicant's attorney to resolve the questions and expedite placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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